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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

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DATE: March 2, 2020

RE: Calendar Year 2019 NCLEX Pass Rates; Application of Rule 4723-5-23, OAC

Annually, the Board reviews the NCLEX pass rates of pre-license nursing education programs with Full, Provisional, or Continued Conditional approval. NCLEX national and state data are provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

Rule 4723-5-23, OAC, specifies that each program's NCLEX pass rate is determined by the percentage of a program's first-time test candidates who attempted the NCLEX exam within six months of completing the nursing education program. Rule 4723-5-23, OAC, also establishes a benchmark of 95% of the national of the national average as the pass rate for Ohio.

If a program has an NCLEX pass rate that is less than 95% for first-time candidates, who took the NCLEX within six months of completion of the program, in a calendar year, the following apply:

- After the first year, the program is required to establish a plan indicating action steps to improve its graduates' NCLEX scores, and submit the plan in its annual report to the Board.
- After two consecutive years, the program is required to prepare a report that evaluates the previous year's action plan, identify additional steps to improve its graduates' NCLEX pass rates, and submit the evaluation plan and additional steps in its annual report to the Board.
- After three consecutive years, the Board shall conduct a survey visit of the program, after which the Board may take action concerning the approval status of the program.
- After the fourth consecutive year, the Board is required to place the program on Provisional approval, and the Board may conduct a survey visit.

For the Board to consider restoring a program to Full approval status after a program is placed on Provisional status due to low NCLEX scores, a program must have a NCLEX pass rate that meets or exceeds 95% of the national average for first-time candidates for at least two consecutive years.

Below is information based on all first-time test candidates in calendar year 2019 and includes the national RN and PN NCLEX pass rate averages; the Ohio RN and PN NCLEX pass rate averages; and Ohio RN and PN program NCLEX pass rates compared to the 95% of the national average benchmark. NCLEX pass rate information from 2018 is in parentheses. Programs with ten or more first time test candidates achieving 100% pass rates are also identified.

Section 1: Registered Nursing (RN) Education Programs

Overview and Trends – NCLEX-RN 2019 (2018):

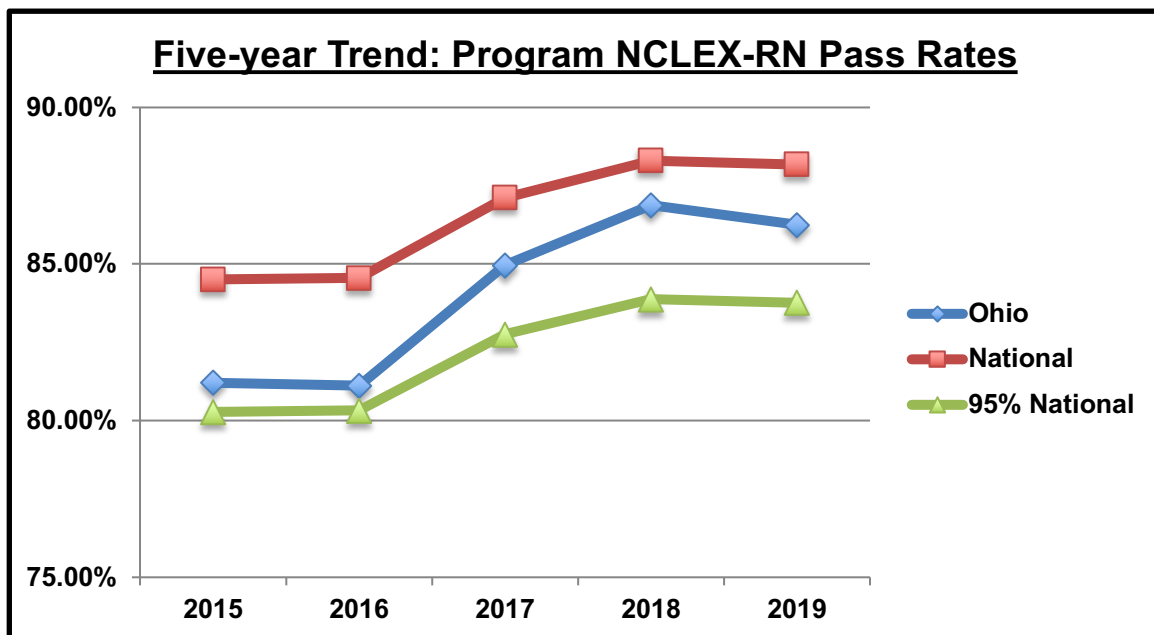
Ohio: 86.25% (86.88%)

- Number of Ohio candidates: 8,430 (8,315)

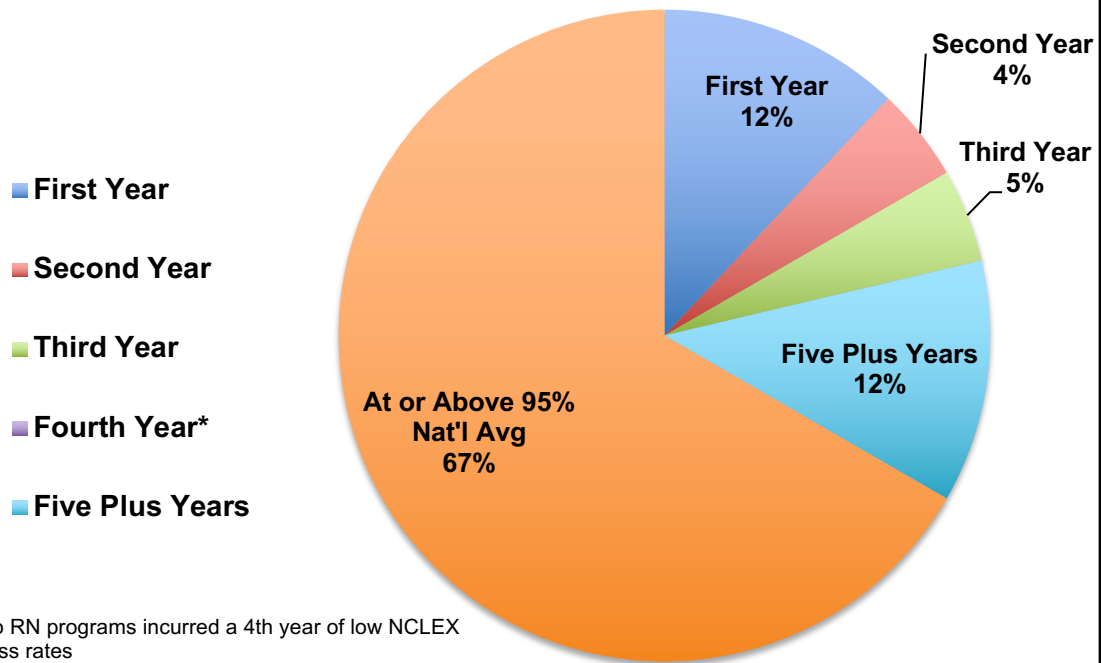
National average: 88.18% (88.30%)

- Number of national candidates: 171,374 (163,209)

95% of national average: 83.77% (83.88%)



2019 NCLEX-RN Programs



100% Pass Rate for RN Programs with Ten or More Students Based on All First Time Test Candidates within Calendar Year

- Baldwin Wallace University Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing - 18
- Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing - 16
- Malone University School of Nursing - 23
- Muskingum University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program - 12
- Ohio University School of Nursing - Zanesville (BSN) - 32
- Xavier University Master of Science in Nursing: Direct Entry as a Second Degree - 23

<p align="center">NCLEX-RN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average Based on First Time Test Candidates within Six Months of Program Completion</p>
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One Year of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

Program Name and Approval Status	2019 Pass Rates	Delivered/Pass/Fail
Akron Campus of Herzing University, Nursing Program: Full	77.78%	36/28/8
Bryant and Stratton College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree: Full	80%	5/4/1
Cedarville University School of Nursing: Full	83.16%	95/79/16
Clark State Community College - Springfield Regional School of Nursing: Full	78.83%	137/108/29
Columbiana County Career & Technical Center LPN-RN Diploma Nursing Program: Full	44%	25/11/14
Herzing University-Akron Campus Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program: Full	50%	2/1/1
Hocking College Associate of Applied Science in Nursing: Full	75%	72/54/18
Marion Technical College Nursing Program: Full	73.58%	53/39/14
Mount Vernon Nazarene University School of Nursing and Health Sciences Nursing Department: Full	76.19%	21/16/5

North Central State College Associate Degree Nursing Program: Full	76.19%	63/48/15
Ohio Medical Career College One Plus One Associate of Applied Science in Nursing: Full	25%	4/1/3
Southern State Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program: Full	72.92%	48/35/13
Xavier University Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Full	82.89%	152/126/26

**Two Consecutive Years of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates
Below 95% of National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	2019 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2018 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Athena Career Academy LPN to RN Program: Full	55.56% 45/25/15	52.50% 40/21/19
Felbry College-School Nursing Associate of Applied Science in Nursing: Full	0% 1/0/1	66.66% 3/2/1
Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science: Full	81.25% 96/78/18	82.71% 81/67/14
Lourdes University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program: Full	82.61% 46/38/8	74.62% 67/50/17
Shawnee State University, Department of Nursing, Associate Degree Program: Full	83.33% 24/20/4	81.25% 48/39/9

**Three Consecutive Years of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates
Below 95% of National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	2019 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2017-2018 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Collins Career Technical Center LPN-RN Diploma Nursing Program: Full	65% 40/26/14	2018: 81.25% 64/52/12 2017: 64.70% 34/22/12
Fortis College School of Nursing Associate Degree in Nursing Program, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio: Full	76.19% 42/32/10	2018: 78.57% 42/33/9 2017: 77.55% 49/38/11
Mercy College of Ohio, Baccalaureate Nursing Program: Full	66.67% 75/50/25	2018: 80.43% 46/37/9 2017: 82.56% 109/90/19
Ohio University School of Nursing-Southern (BSN): Full	80% 25/20/5	2018: 73.33% 15/11/4 2017: 82.35% 17/14/3
Ross College-North Canton: Full	73.08% 26/19/6	2018: 56.25% 16/9/7 2017: 60.86% 23/14/9

**No RN Programs Incurred Four Consecutive Years of NCLEX Pass Rates
Below 95%**

**Programs on Provisional Approval for Five or More Years of NCLEX-RN Pass
Rates Below 95% National Average**

Program Name	Provisional Approval Effective Date
Acadia Career Institute Registered Nursing Program	March 2018
American Institute of Alternative Medicine Registered Nursing Program	March 2016

Associate Degree in Nursing - Fortis College, Centerville	March 2017
Associate Degree in Nursing - Fortis College, Cincinnati	March 2016
Associate Degree in Nursing - Fortis College, Westerville	March 2017
ATA College Registered Nursing, Associate Degree Nursing (<i>Formerly Beckfield College Associate Degree Nursing Program</i>)	March 2018
Belmont College Associate Degree Nursing Program	March 2012
Bryant & Stratton College Department of Nursing	March 2017
Bryant & Stratton College, Nursing Program Akron	March 2018
Eastern Gateway Community College Associate Degree of Nursing Program	March 2018
Felbry School of Nursing Registered Nursing Program (Diploma)	March 2017
Hondros College of Nursing Associate Degree in Nursing	March 2017
Ohio Medical Career College One Plus One Nursing Education Program (Diploma)	March 2017

Section 2: Practical Nursing (PN) Education Programs

Overview and Trends – NCLEX-PN 2019 (2018):

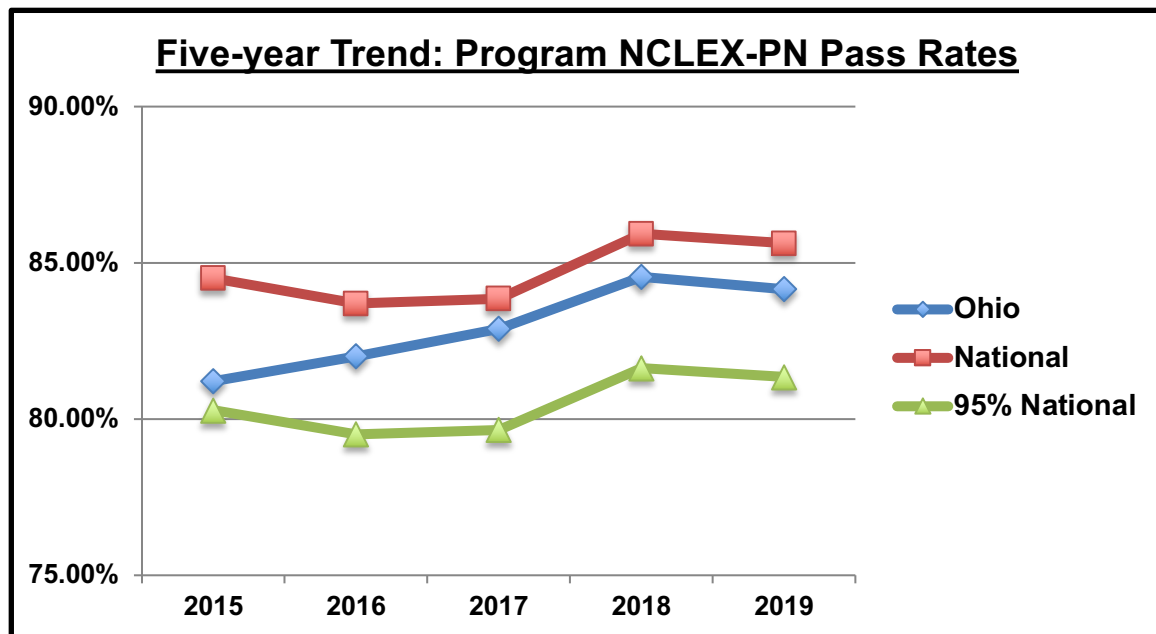
Ohio: 84.16% (84.55%)

- Number of Ohio candidates: 3,011 (2,991)

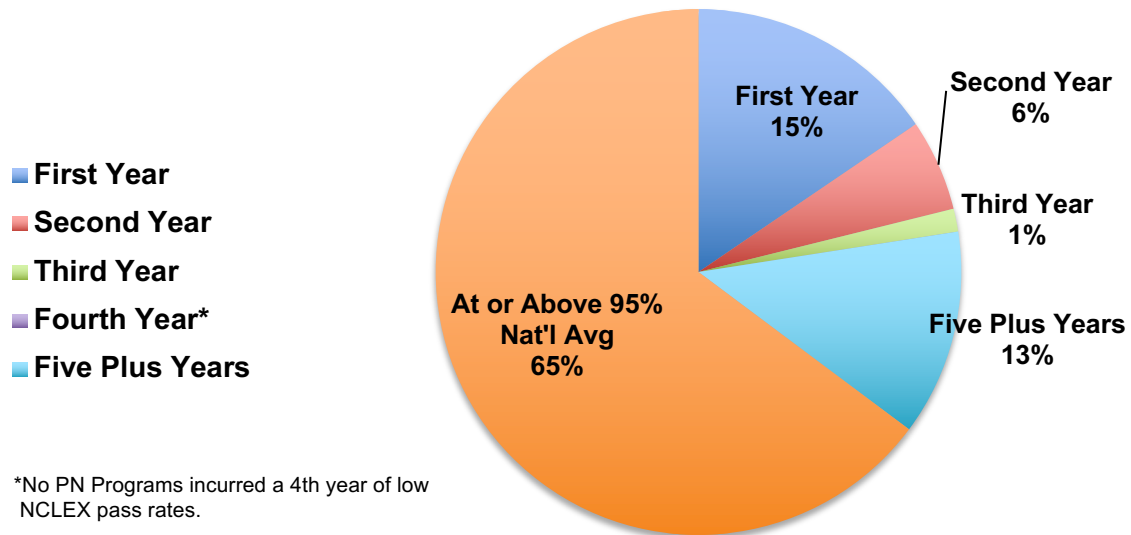
National average: 85.63% (85.93%)

- Number of national candidates: 48,228 (47,044)

95% of national average: 81.34% (81.63%)



2019 NCLEX-PN Programs



100% Pass Rate for PN Programs with Ten or More Students Based on All First Time Test Candidates Within Calendar Year

- Eastern Gateway Community College School of Practical Nursing - 12
- Fortis College School of Nursing Practical Nursing Program, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio - 25
- James A. Rhodes State College Practical Nursing Program - 22
- Lorain County Community College Practical Nursing Program - 19
- North Central State College Practical Nurse Program - 16
- Northwest State Community College Practical Nursing Program - 20
- Owens Community College Practical Nurse Program - 10
- Stautzenberger College Practical Nursing Program - 19
- The Knoedler School of Practical Nurse Education - 21

**NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average Based on First Time
Test Candidates within Six Months of Program Completion**

One Year of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

Program Name and Approval Status	2019 Pass Rates	Delivered/Pass/Fail
Athena Career Academy Practical Nursing Program: Full	81.16%	69/56/13
Auburn Practical Nursing Program: Full	75%	20/15/5
Butler Tech Program of Practical Nurse Education: Full	51.72%	29/15/14
Bryant & Stratton (Akron Campus), Licensed Practical Nursing Program: Full	60%	5/3/2
Bryant & Stratton College Licensed Practical Nursing Program: Full	50%	4/2/2
Cincinnati State Great Oaks School of Practical Nursing: Full	75.68%	74/56/18
Ohio Institute of Allied Health Practical Nursing Program: Full	75%	4/3/1
Practical Nursing – Fortis College, Cincinnati, OH: Full	75%	36/27/9
Practical Nursing – Fortis College, Westerville: Full	80%	45/36/9
Sandusky Career Center School of Practical Nursing: Full	78.26%	23/18/5
Vantage Career Center Practical Nursing Program: Full (<i>Formerly Ohio Technical Center Practical Nursing Program</i>)	72.73%	11/8/3

Two Consecutive Years of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

Program Name and Approval Status	2019 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2018 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Belmont College Practical Nursing Program: Full	66.67% 12/8/4	78.57% 14/11/3
Choffin School of Practical Nursing: Full	80% 30/24/6	79.31% 29/23/6
Professional Skills Institute School of Practical Nursing: Provisional	75.21% 121/91/30	79.68% 128/102/26
Ross College – North Canton Practical Nursing: Full	72.22% 18/13/5	54.54% 11/6/5

**Three Consecutive Years of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates
Below 95% of National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	2019 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2017-2018 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
The School of Nursing at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center: Full	83.33% 42/35/7	2018: 75% 32/24/8 2017: 76.66% 30/23/7

No PN Programs Incurred Four Consecutive Years of NCLEX Pass Rates Below 95%

**Programs on Provisional Approval for Five or More Years of NCLEX-PN Pass
Rates Below 95% National Average**

Program Name	Provisional Approval Effective Date
American Institute of Alternative Medicine Practical Nursing Education Program	March 2015
ATA College Pre-Licensure Practical Nursing, Diploma <i>(Formerly Beckfield College Practical Nursing Program)</i>	March 2019
Felbry College-School of Nursing Practical Nursing	March 2015
Ohio Medical Career College Practical Nursing Education Program	March 2015
Portage Lakes Career Center–W. Howard Nicol School of Practical Nursing	March 2019
Practical Nurse Program, Canton City School District	March 2015
Richard Medical Academy	March 2019
Wayne County Schools Career Center High School Practical Nursing Program	March 2019
Willoughby-Eastlake School of Practical Nursing-High School Division	March 2016